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SUBJECT: Federal Woman's Award

Mrs. Helen Marshall, Office of Incentive Systems, Civil Service Commission, advised today that 6 winners have been selected for the Woman's Award. The winners will be announced at a press conference on 22 February. Agencies who have winners *have been* ~~will be~~ notified by phone and a follow-up letter prior to the press conference but no time for this action was specified. Mrs. Marshall also advised that identification of winners cannot be released at this time.


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Federal Woman's Award Winners for 1972: The six Government career women who will receive the twelfth annual Federal Woman's Award were announced today by Mrs. Patricia Reilly Hitt, Assistant Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, who is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Woman's Award. The winners, nominated by their agencies and chosen by an independent panel of judges, are being honored for their outstanding contributions to the quality and efficiency of the career service of the Federal Government, for their influence on major Government programs, and for personal qualities of leadership, judgment, integrity, and dedication.

The six women selected to receive the Award are:

Dr. Lois Albro Chatham, Chief, Narcotic Addict Rehabilitation Branch, Division of Narcotic Addiction and Drug Abuse, National Institute of Mental Health, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Rockville, Md.

Mrs. Phyllis Dixon Clemmons, RN, Director, Suicide Prevention and Emergency Mental Health Consultation Service, Mental Health Administration, Department of Human Resources, Government of the District of Columbia.

Dr. Ruth Margaret Davis, Director, Center for Computer Sciences and Technology, National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, Gaithersburg, Md.

Mrs. Mary Harrover Ferguson, Comptroller and Special Assistant (Financial Management) to the Assistant Secretary for Research and Development, Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy, Arlington, Va.

Dr. Ruth Mandeville Levertton, Science Advisor (Nutrition), Office of the Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Patricia Ann McCreedy, Public Health Physician, Project Manager of Village Health Program, Agency for International Development, Vientiane, Laos.

The winners will receive the Awards at a banquet in their honor on March 14 at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C. As a public service, Woodward and Lothrop, Inc., of Washington defrays all expenses connected with the Federal Woman's Award.

Biographical and career data on each of the Award winners are given below, followed by the names of the five judges for 1972 and the Trustees of the Federal Woman's Award.

Lois Albrow Chatham, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist who administers the major Federal program in the treatment of narcotic addiction and drug abuse, a field of great national concern which has been given high governmental priority. She joined the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in 1963 as a psychological advisor in the National Center for Health Statistics. In 1968 she became director of research in the Division of Narcotic Addiction and Drug Abuse of the National Institute of Mental Health, and early in 1969 was appointed Chief of the Narcotic Addict Rehabilitation Branch, grade 15. In this position she has built up the Branch and devised the programs to implement many new laws, establishing the Federal Government's policy and leadership in this field.

Under Dr. Chatham's direction, the program of the Narcotic Addict Rehabilitation Act, which gives her Branch direct responsibility for the care of patients committed to the Surgeon General, has been expanded to a national network of 166 agencies caring for over 2,000 patients. She has also developed community-based treatment facilities to which over 15,000 patients were admitted in fiscal 1971, and initiated an on-going program of research on treatment of the narcotic addict and drug abuser. Her policies, such as strict standards for the use of chemotherapies, insistence on continuity of care, centralized evaluation of the program, and research as an integral component to treatment, among others, have had national and international impact on the Federal role in the treatment of the narcotic addict and drug abuser.

From 1958 to 1963 Dr. Chatham was Chief Psychologist for the Austin, Tex., Community Guidance Center. She was born in Groveland, Ill., and lived in Fort Wayne, Ind.; she received her BA degree from Houghton College in 1951, her MA from Southern Methodist University in 1954, and her PhD from the University of Houston in 1960. Her husband, George N. Chatham, is Aerospace Specialist in Science Policy Research, Library of Congress, and they live in Washington. She fills frequent consultant and lecturer engagements in the field of clinical psychology; for relaxation she flies her own airplane.

Phyllis Dixon Clemmons, R.N., is a nurse specializing in the field of mental health and psychotherapy who planned, established, and directs the first Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention Program in this part of the country. With responsibility for executing the D.C. Mental Health Laws, she has developed several training programs for both professional and nonprofessional health workers and clerical staff. Both the suicide prevention program and the training programs have become models for similar activities in the United States and in foreign countries.

Mrs. Clemmons obtained her graduate nursing degree from Philadelphia's Mercy Hospital in 1948 and began her Government career in 1949 at Saint Elizabeths Hospital, the Federal mental hospital in Washington, D.C. During her 13 years there she introduced several innovations in the care of the mentally ill that are now widely accepted. She came to the D.C. Government in 1962 with the new Psychiatric Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center at D. C. General Hospital, and in 1965 set up the area's first 24-hour emergency telephone service. She also originated a walk-in service, a mobile emergency mental health service, and a follow-up program for all individuals utilizing the services. She was appointed Community Mental Health Officer at grade 12 in 1969. Over the past 6 years she has provided direct service to more than 11,000 persons in suicidal or other psycho-social crises; during that time the number of suicide-oriented calls has increased while the number of suicides has greatly decreased.

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A member of several professional associations, Mrs. Clemmons lectures at various universities and has published a number of articles and monographs. Awards and honors she has received include national recognition by the American Psychiatric Association for her outstanding accomplishment in the training and supervision of paraprofessionals in remotivation group therapy techniques. She was presented in a nationwide television documentary, "Who Answers the Cry for Help?" Mrs. Clemmons was born in Apollo, Pa., where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dixon, still live. She has a son 14 and a daughter 9, and lives in Suitland, Md.

Ruth Margaret Davis, Ph.D., is a mathematician and physicist who is one of the country's leading pioneers in the young field of computer technology. She directs the Center for Computer Sciences and Technology, which is responsible for providing advisory services to the Office of Management and Budget and the General Services Administration to support the formulation of ADP management and procurement policies, and to other Federal agencies to assist in the solution of specific automation problems. Since her appointment in 1970 she has developed the Government's ability to make effective use of computer technology in such fields as health care, protection of environmental quality, education, law enforcement, and Government operations.

Dr. Davis began her Federal career in 1955 as a research mathematician in the Department of the Navy and progressed through positions there and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where she was Staff Assistant for Intelligence and Reconnaissance from 1961 to 1967. She went to the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, in 1967 as Associate Director for Research and Development, and also directed the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications there. In the latter position she brought together the Federal Government and the health care community to apply computer networking and systems technology to the problem of improving biomedical communications and making computers more readily accessible to physicians in the delivery of health care services. In her present position with the National Bureau of Standards she has initiated research in computer sciences and technology which not only can save millions of dollars in Government operations but also improve the health and safety of people. She has received numerous national commendations and citations; among many other honors are medals for accomplishments in information sciences from universities in Finland and Sweden, both awarded in 1969.

Dr. Davis was born in Sharpsville, Pa., and graduated from American University in 1950. She earned her MA in 1952 and her PhD in 1955, both from the University of Maryland. She is married to Benjamin F. Lohr, Comdr. USN(Ret.), who is Vice President, Kelly Scientific Corporation, and they live in Silver Spring, Md.

Mary Harrover Ferguson is a financial management expert who during the past 16 years has developed and administered a financial system which has provided resources vital to the Navy's research and development program. With a dual responsibility as Comptroller, Office of Naval Research, and Special Assistant (Financial Management) to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development, she deals not only with complex financial issues but also with high-level scientific, military, and political personnel who regularly ask for her counsel on those issues.

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Mrs. Ferguson provides the perfect -- and rare -- example of a complete career in the Federal civil service, having started at grade 1 in 1933 with the Depression-born Farm Credit Administration and progressed steadily upward, through several different agencies, to her present grade 17. In 1947 she came to the newly created Office of Naval Research as a budget analyst, advanced to Budget Officer and then to Assistant Comptroller for Budget and Reports, was appointed Deputy ONR Comptroller in 1968, and Comptroller in May 1971. She is involved in all aspects of financial management of the Navy-wide Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Program, with authority for commitment in the decision-making process at all levels. Under her direction a staff of 67 analysts, accountants, ADP systems analysts and programmers, and support personnel, administers an appropriation of well over \$2 billion annually, distributed among 13 administering offices, to support RDT&E efforts performed by contract with colleges and industrial organizations and by 45 RDT&E Navy laboratories, test ranges, and installations.

Mrs. Ferguson has received repeated awards and commendations from the Navy Department, and last year was named "Woman of the Year" by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. She is constantly engaged in a wide variety of professional and community activities. A native of Manassas, Va., she has an AA degree in business administration from George Washington University (1961), and lives in Alexandria, Va. Her husband, John A. Ferguson, Capt. USN(Ret.), is branch manager of Investors Financial Services at Landmark, Va. She has two sons (by her first marriage) and five grandchildren.

Ruth Mandeville Leverton, Ph.D., is a scientist in the field of nutrition whose research and appraisals of research have contributed significantly to adequate diets and a more satisfying standard of living in this country and worldwide. She has been instrumental in providing information for planning consumer education programs, for analyzing the demand for agricultural products, and for determining the food policies of the Department of Agriculture.

Before entering the Federal service, Dr. Leverton spent 20 years in teaching nutrition, at the University of Nebraska and later at Oklahoma State University. She joined the Agricultural Research Service in 1957 as Assistant Director of the Human Nutrition Research Division, and progressed rapidly through positions of increasing responsibility in the Service. In 1970 she was appointed Science Advisor for Nutrition in the Office of the Administrator, at the equivalent of grade 17. Here she occupies a key position in the mobilization of the Department's scientific resources for the worldwide War on Hunger. She directs the expansion of research to provide nutritional knowledge urgently needed in developing countries, and advises on nutritional requirements for foods for distribution in such countries and in domestic programs for needy families and the school lunch program. She planned and directed the most extensive survey of food consumption and dietary levels ever attempted in this country, and the first one to yield data on both individual and family eating habits.

Dr. Leverton is internationally known, not only as a scientist, but as an author, lecturer, and educator. She has represented the United States at four Biennial Conferences of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, and at a great many international nutrition conferences. She serves on numerous national committees, and has published more than 70 reports of original scientific research and two widely used books on nutrition. Her many honors include the Borden Award, which she received twice, and an honorary D.Sc. degree from the University of Nebraska. She was born in Minneapolis, Minn., and received her BS degree in 1928 from the University of Nebraska, her MS in 1932 from the University of Arizona, and her PhD in 1937 from the University of Chicago. She lives in Washington, D.C.

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Patricia Ann McCreedy, M.D., is a public health physician who has major responsibility for the Village Health Program of the Agency for International Development, at Vientiane, Laos. In this program, which assists the Royal Lao Government by extending medical and clinical services to remote rural areas, Dr. McCreedy has been directly and indirectly responsible for operational aspects of keeping an average of 176 rural dispensaries staffed and supplied with medicines; for operation and staffing of eight hospitals with a total capacity of 614 in-patients and operating at a level of 343,686 patient-visits per year; and for the training of nurses, sanitarians, and other paramedical personnel, many of whom are illiterate at the outset, to staff these installations. She makes all necessary personal inspections, including installations surrounded by North Vietnamese armed forces. Since many of these areas are accessible only by air, she travels for hours daily in single-engine aircraft, often in dangerous weather, over mountain ranges and across jungles, and shares the life and homes of simple villagers in remote, enemy-encircled, malarial areas. Because of her detailed knowledge of these places and people, she has made valuable contributions to the Government's knowledge and understanding of the refugee problems in Laos, and also of the narcotics problem.

Dr. McCreedy was born in St. Louis, Mo., graduated from Loyola University in 1947, and earned her M.D. degree at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in 1951. Following several years in private practice in Maringouin, La., she served two years as Public Health Officer in American Samoa, and in 1964 went to Laos as Project Manager of the Village Health Program. She is also manager of the Population and Family Planning Project there, and Contract Representative for the Operation Brotherhood Activity. Dr. McCreedy and her husband, Dr. Charles L. Weldon, senior officer at the A.I.D. Vientiane mission, often work as a team. They have three children, a daughter 19 and two sons 17 and 15. Their home when in this country is in Biloxi, Miss.

JUDGES FOR THE 1972 FEDERAL WOMAN'S AWARD

The five judges who made the final selections of recipients of the Federal Woman's Award for 1972 are:

Hon. Sylvia Bacon, Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Formerly Assistant United States Attorney and also Associate Director of the President's Commission on Crime in the District of Columbia, Judge Bacon was appointed to the D. C. Superior Court by President Nixon in 1970.

Miss Joan Crawford, Director of the Pepsi-Cola Company, New York City. Miss Crawford, star of some 50 motion pictures and an Academy Award winner, has been on the Board of Directors of Pepsi-Cola for more than 10 years.

Mr. Malcolm Forbes, President and Editor-in-Chief of Forbes Magazine. Following 10 years as its editor and publisher, Mr. Forbes became the third president of Forbes Magazine Inc. in 1964. He was also New Jersey State Senator, 1951-1958, Republican candidate for Governor of New Jersey in 1957, and New Jersey delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1960.

Dr. Milton Harris, founder and President of the Harris Research Laboratories, Washington, D.C., and former Vice President and Director of Research of the Gillette Company. Author of 200 scientific papers and holder of 35 patents, Dr. Harris has been active in a wide variety of business, scientific, and governmental organizations.

Mrs. Jeannette Edris Rockefeller, member of the President's Commission on Mental Retardation and also of the Advisory Committee for the National Center for Voluntary Action. Well known for her leadership in many philanthropic causes, Mrs. Rockefeller lives in Seattle, Wash.

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